

MINUTES
UTAH
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF NURSING

August 3, 2007

Room 474 – 4th Floor – 8:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 8:07 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:00 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Secretary:

Laura Poe
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Diane Forster-Burke

Board Members Present:

Helen Zsohar
Peggy Brown
Diane Forster-Burke
Mary Williams

Board Members Excused:

Pam Rice

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Administer Oath of Office and welcome new
Committee member:

Ms. Poe administered the Oath of Office to Peggy
Brown. Committee members welcomed Ms. Brown.

April 17, 2007 Minutes:

The minutes were approved as written. All Committee
members in favor.

April 20, 2007 Minutes:

The minutes were approved as written. All Committee
members in favor.

May 18, 2007 Minutes:

The minutes were approved as written. All Committee
members in favor.

May 30, 2007 Minutes:

The minutes were approved as written. All Committee
members in favor.

June 22, 2007 Minutes:

The minutes were approved with corrections. All
Committee members in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review current NCLEX pass rates for provisionally approved program:

Committee members reviewed the NCLEX pass rates for Utah Career College and Ameritech College. Ms. Poe indicated there were a limited number of students who have taken the exam this quarter from both program, but the pass rates have continued to drop. Ms. Poe indicated that a letter was sent to Utah Career College regarding the low pass rates last quarter and a response is due to the Board by the middle of August. The response will be reviewed at the August 24, 2007 meeting.

Ameritech RN and PN programs both had a pass rate more than 5% below the national rate. The national pass rate for the quarter ending June 30, 2007 for RN's was 87% and the PN national pass rate was 86%. Ameritech RN program pass rate was 66.67% and the PN program pass rate was 77%. Ms. Poe will send a letter of concern regarding both the RN and PN programs at Ameritech due to the low pass rate on the exams. The letter will request what interventions are being done for those who fail.

Review current NCLEX pass rates for all Utah approved programs:

Results reviewed.

Review letter of intent from the College of Eastern Utah for an extension of the CEU Associate Degree RN program to Uintah Basin Applied Technology College:

Ms. Poe indicated that CEU would like to extend the RN program to Uintah Basin Applied Technology College. Frances Swasey is the director and they will use already approved curriculum. The program would need to find qualified faculty and appropriate clinical sites. Dr. Zsohar made a Motion to approve the extension of the CEU Associate Degree program to Uintah Basin Applied Technology College. New faculty member vitas need to be submitted and a list of clinical sites needs to be provided. Dr. Williams seconded the Motion. All Committee members in favor.

Review curricular outline and allotted credit hours for Stevens Henager College:

Ms. Poe provided Committee members with the July 27, 2007 follow-up letter to Rebecca Reese, Director of the nursing program at Stevens Henager College. The letter requested clarification on the issue of converting clock hours to credit hours and the credit hour ratio for clinical learning experiences.

Ms. Poe indicated she met with the school president,

Dr. Hansen and Ms. Reece regarding the program and the question regarding clinical hours. Ms. Poe indicated they provided her with an entirely different curriculum than what was approved by the Board. Ms. Reece indicated the program changed the hours because of their national accrediting body. She reported that the classes are only 4 weeks long. Ms. Poe indicated she was concerned because it appeared to have a program no longer following what was approved and would not be able to receive NLNAC accreditation. Ms. Poe indicated the NLNAC standard credit to contact hour ratio is 1:1 theory, 1:2 or 1:3 skills lab, and 1:3 clinical experiences. The highest ratio NLNAC was aware of was in Texas with a 1 credit hour to 6 clock hours.

Ms. Reese responded in a letter dated August 2, 2007. Committee members reviewed the response. Ms. Poe questioned whether or not the conversion factor on the bottom of the first page was accurate and fair? Dr. Zsohar indicated yes, the program is reporting the total number of hours per quarter. Committee members had questions regarding the courses and Ms. Reese faxed over the ADN program schedule (study) for review. This information clarified questions Committee members had regarding anatomy and physiology and nursing courses. Dr. Zsohar stated when NLNAC reviews a program, the total length of the program including the percentage of prerequisites and the percentage of nursing courses are compared. NLNAC allows no more than 60% of total coursework to be nursing courses. After a review of the faxed program study, Committee members indicated it appears 40% are prerequisite courses and 60% are nursing courses. Anatomy and physiology is there, but it did not appear to include a biology course. Committee members were not sure if pharmacology is integrated into the nursing program or separated out. Committee members ask for clarification regarding the pharmacology and the medical technology course. Dr. Zsohar made a Motion to accept the conversion, the number of clinical, lab and theory hours, changes to the curricular outline revised today and reaffirm provisional approval of the program pending a successful site visit on August 14, 2007. Dr. Williams seconded the Motion. All Committee members in

favor.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

August 24, 2007
Date Approved

(ss) Diane Forster-Burke
Diane Forster-Burke, Chair Education Committee, Board of
Nursing

August 24, 2007
Date Approved

(ss) Laura Poe
Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing